TESTIMONIALS

PRESENTED TO

JOHN BELL, A.M., M.D.,

CANDIDATE FOR THE

OFFICE OF HOUSE SURGEON

OF THE

MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

To the Governors of the Montreal General Hospital.

GENTLEMEN,

Having become aware that Dr. Drake intends tendering his resignation of the position which he holds in the Montreal General Hospital, on the 1st May, I beg to present myself as a Candidate for the office of House Surgeon of that Institution, should it thus become vacant.

In doing so, I beg leave to lay before you the following Testimonials to my qualifications to fulfil the duties of House Surgeon.

I would premise that I am a Master of Arts of Queen's University, and that during my arts' course I obtained First Prizes in the Natural History and Mathematical Classes. After graduating in Arts, I entered the Medical School of the same University, and, after the third year of my medical course, spent nearly five months in two large American Army General Hospitals. The following spring I graduated

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in Medicine, with the highest honour conferred by the University.

Since then I have been one of the Apothecaries in the Montreal General Hospital for three years; and, after having attended the Medical Classes of McGill College, obtained, in 1866, from that University the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Master of Surgery. In the autumn of that year I was appointed one of the Apothecaries of the Montreal General Hospital, and am by appointment the Senior Apothecary. The manner in which I have discharged the duties of that office is referred to in the following Testimonials from the Medical Officers of the Hospital.

I have the honour to remain,

GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN BELL.

From the Reverend Alexander Mathieson, D.D., *Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal.*

Having known John Bell, M.D., almost from his infancy, and being informed that he intends to become a candidate for the office of House Surgeon in the Montreal General Hospital, I have much pleasure in bearing my testimony to the diligence and zeal with which he prosecuted his professional studies, to the excellence of his moral character, to his amiable and kind disposition; and I commend him to the Governors of the Hospital as one well qualified to fill the office to which he aspires.

From HORATIO YATES, ESQ., M.D.; *Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Queen's University; Professor of the Principles and Practice of Medicine, Queen's University; Senior Surgeon, Kingston General Hospital; and one of the Governors of the same.*

During the years that Dr. John Bell was a Student in Queen's College, I had an opportunity of acquiring a rather intimate knowledge of his character and capabilities.

He was remarkable for being an excellent and painstaking Student, and at his final examination, owing to the superiority of his written papers, he attained the rare distinction of not being required to undergo an oral examination.

Dr. BELL was very constant in his attendance upon Hospital practice, and never neglected an occasion of improving his knowledge of Clinical Medicine and Surgery; and, had he been a candidate, he certainly would have obtained the appointment for one year of House Surgeon to the Kingston General Hospital, which office is given by competition to the candidate who, upon examination, is proved to be most competent.

He is a thoroughly well educated, conscientious, and intelligent Medical man, and, I believe, is especially well qualified for the post of House Surgeon in a large Hospital.

From J. P. LITCHFIELD, ESQ., M.D., *Professor of Forensic and State Medicine, Queen's University; Medical Superintendent of the Rockwood Lunatic Asylum.*

I have been acquainted with Dr. John Bell both while engaged in the study of Medicine, and since he has entered upon its practice. I believe him to be a very zealous, pains-taking, able and humane practitioner, and that he will discharge with skill and fidelity any duties that may be confided to him in a public institution.

From DONALD MACLEAN, Esq., M.D., L.R.C.S., EDIN., *Professor of Institutes of Medicine, and Lecturer on Clinical Surgery, Royal College Physicians and Surgeons, Kingston.*

To the Board of Governors of the Montreal General Hospital,

GENTLEMEN,

I have much pleasure in recommending Dr. John Bell for the appointment of House Surgeon of your Hospital.

The Doctor has been very intimately known to me during the last six years, first as a student at this Medical School, where he was greatly distinguished for his assiduity, enthusiasm, and success in the pursuit of Medical knowledge; afterwards in United States Army Hospitals, where he not only displayed in a high degree all the qualities of head, hand, and character calculated to render him a successful practitioner of Medicine and Surgery, but also administrative tact and ability, such, as I am sure, are very rarely possessed by a man of his age.

I have the honor to be,

Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

DONALD MACLEAN, M.D., L.R.C.S, EDIN.,
Prof. Instit. Med. and Lect. Clin. Surgery,
Royal College P. and S., Kingston.

From G. W. CAMPBELL, Esq., A.M., M.D., *etc.; Dean of the Faculty of Medicine; and Professor of Surgery, McGill University.*

I hereby certify that Doctor John Bell, M.A., attended one Session at the Medical Classes of McGill University, and graduated in Medicine in 1866. Dr. Bell was a diligent and attentive student, passed a very creditable examination, and I believe is well qualified to fill the office of House Surgeon to the Montreal General Hospital, for which, I understand, he is a candidate.

From WILLIAM FRASER, ESQ., M.D., *Professor of the Institutes of Medicine, McGill College; one of the Attending Physicians of the Montreal General Hospital.*

I have known Dr. John Bell as a Student attending my lectures at the McGill College, and as Apothecary at the Montreal General Hospital.

He is, in my estimation, a young man of good general abilities, well acquainted with all the branches of his profession, and quite competent to fill the situation of House Surgeon to the Hospital, now vacant by the resignation of Dr. Drake.

From WILLIAM E. SCOTT, ESQ., M.D., *Professor of Anatomy, McGill College; one of the Attending Physicians of the Montreal General Hospital.*

I have known Dr. John Bell since his residence in Montreal. During his attendance at McGill University, he was regular and diligent in his studies. From my acquaintance, therefore, with Dr. Bell I am convinced that in the performance of the duties belonging to any medical appointment that he might procure, he would be found competent, attentive and faithful.

From R. P. HOWARD, ESQ., M.D., L.R.C.S., Ed., *Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine, McGill College; one of the Attending Physicians of the Montreal General Hospital.*

This is to certify that having been acquainted with Dr. Bell since his arrival in Montreal, I consider him well qualified, both by professional attainments and moral character, to discharge the duties of House Surgeon to any General Hospital or similar institution.

From the Reverend William Wright, M.D., L.R.C.S., Ed. *Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy McGill College; one of the Attending Physicians of the Montreal General Hospital.*

At the request of Dr. Bell, M.A., Queen's College, Kingston, and M.D., C.M., McGill University, who intends applying for the vacancy in the House Surgeoncy of the Montreal General Hospital, I have given him this testimonial of his merits, derived from the opportunities afforded by my acquaintance with him. These began in the Session 1865-66, when he attended McGill University for the first time, and followed my lectures on Materia Medica. He was very regular throughout the course, and displayed marked assiduity, and acquitted himself with much credit at the weekly examinations. At the end of that session he received his degree in medicine; and subsequently obtained the post he now fills in the Hospital. During my last period of service there,—for the quarter ending November 1867,—he in part acted, under me, in his capacity, and I have pleasure in stating that he did so to my satisfaction, and I was pleased with the deep interest he seemed to take in the cases, as well as with the general kindness and humanity which he observed towards the patients.

From ROBERT CRAIK, ESQ., M.D., *Professor of Chemistry, McGill College; one of the Attending Physicians of the Montreal General Hospital..*

I have much pleasure in stating that I have known Dr. Bell for several years, and have formed a high opinion of his professional abilities. His qualities are such as are most likely to ensure success in life, and I have no doubt that he will perform any duties intrusted to him, with skill and ability.

His moral character is beyond reproach.

From GEORGE E. FENWICK, ESQ., M.D., *Professor of Clinical Surgery, McGill College; one of the Attending Physicians, Montreal General Hospital.*

This is to certify that I have known Dr. John Bell since his attendance at McGill College, now three years past, and that I consider him in every way capable of taking medical charge as Resident Physician, of any charity.

From JOHN REDDY, ESQ., M.D., *Attending Physican, Montreal General Hospital.*

I hereby certify having known Dr. John Bell, M.A., during the past three years, half of which period he was Apothecary to the Montreal General Hospital, where he fulfilled his duties with ability and zeal.

I consider him fully qualified to undertake the post of House Surgeon.

From D. C. MacCallum, Esq., M.D., *Professor of Clinical Medicine and Medical Jurisprudence, McGill College, and one of the Attending Physicians of the Montreal General Hospital.*

From the many favourable opportunities which I have had in the wards of the Montreal General Hospital of ascertaining Dr. Bell's professional knowledge and abilities, I have much pleasure in stating that I have a high opinion of them; and am confident that he is in every way capable of efficiently discharging the duties of any professional situation to which he may be preferred.

From J. M. DRAKE, ESQ., M.D., *Demonstrator of Anatomy, McGill College; and at present House Surgeon of the Montreal General Hospital.*

Dr. Bell having been one of the Apothecaries to this Hospital for the past three years, I have had ample opportunity of judging of his character and abilities, and it gives me great pleasure to be thus afforded an opportunity to express the high opinion I entertain for both.